

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

August 19, 2020

Committee Members Present:

Joe Jax (2.5 hrs) in person	Mike Schendel (1 hrs) via Zoom
Nancy Schofield (0 Hrs) via Zoom	Mike Smith (1 Hrs) via Zoom

Committee Members Absent:

Cindy Gilberts
John Anshus

Guests: Richard Henning, Dennis Kropp, Judy Zimmerman, Randy Eide & Tammy Eckert

Public Comments: Judy Zimmerman states there are cork trees on the road North of Oak Park.

The meeting was called to order by Joe Jax, Chair. Roll call was taken via Zoom and members present in the room used the sign-up sheet with recording of volunteer hours by name. Tammy Eckert, new Administrative Assistant– City Utilities Dept was introduced. Minutes of the previous meeting were handed out and were reviewed. Motion was made by Joe Jax to Correct the July 15, 2020 minutes **Next Meeting Items** to reflect ASH Tree Status instead of ELM. Dennis Kropp made motion and was seconded by Mike Schendael. Motion was passed to approve the corrected minutes.

Tree Replacement at 3rd & Main - discussion

Dick Henning researched putting in a Gingko. The Gingko is on the best tree list. Do we plant a Gingko from the gravel bed or from a nursery? The consensus was to go to a nursery for replacement.

Ash Tree Status in City - Discussion

- Emerald Ash Borer – Rock Falls is the first report in Dunn County. Dick Henning will verify with Brad Larson at the DNR to find the best location to start looking for Ash Borer and construct a plan. It was stated that there were 15 dead ash trees in the city but not official yet if the cause was due to Emerald Ash. Haven't seen any on Stout Campus.

Urban Forester Report:

- Pruning – Last area was Main Street & 16th Avenue dead end to tech park.
- Senior Center Tree Planting – Dick Henning states the first 5 places called in the yellow pages were in favor of trees. Five Community Wellness and Senior Care Centers were contacted.
- Cedarama Park Tree Pruning Overlook – Should be done this Fall. Volunteers may take down weed trees just below the wall with saws and loppers.

City Council Report:

- Amur Cork Ordinance Schedule – Randy Eide states there is no change in the schedule. The plan is to take the ordinance to the council when we can get full public participation.
- Construction Developments – Randy Eide states Council approved Estover Development (156 living spaces). This is located South of the Recreation Park – still working on development agreement.
- Approved Nicholas Drive development and extension.
- Starting January 2021, the City is responsible for recycling in the City. – County Road P site will remain open.

Items to add to the Next Agenda:

- Arbor Day Health Care Program (How to approach Nursing Homes).
- Tree Drop along Lake Menomin.
- 2021 Budget

Next Meeting: Meeting in New Council Chambers - Wednesday, September 16th at 2:00pm in the Conference Room in lower level of the City Building at 800 Wilson Avenue. Same attendance format applies.

Motion made by Nancy Schofield to adjourn meeting, Mike Schendel seconded and it was carried to adjourn.

Submitted by: Tammy Eckert